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SUBJECT:GOVERNING BOARD AND SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR THE REGISTRATION OF SERIAL
PUBLICATIONS, APRIL 3-6, 1978: INSTRUCTIONS FOR U.S.
DELEGATION

1. USDEL MAY ANNOUNCE, IF APPROPRIATE, U.S. ACCESSION TO
THE STATUTES OF THE CENTER. (SUBJECT TO RECEIPT CON-
FIRMING SEPTTEL.)
2. USDEL SHOULD WORK WITH OTHER WESTERN DELEGATIONS TO
COUNTER POSSIBLE ATTEMPTS BY EAST EUROPEANS TO AVOID PAY-
MENT OF ASSESSED DUES THROUGH ATTACKS ON THE MANAGEMENT AND
FISCAL POLICIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER.

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3. USDEL SHOULD OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPTS TO AMEND THE STATUTES
EXCEPT THOSE WHICH CONTRIBUTE POSITIVELY TO BETTER MANAGE-
MENT AND SOUNDER FISCAL POLICY.
4. USDEL SHOULD WORK WITH LIKE-MINDED DELEGATIONS TO
IMPROVE THE CENTER'S MANAGEMENT AND FISCAL POLICIES.

5. USDEL SHOULD SEEK THE DEPT'S GUIDANCE ON ISSUES OUTSIDE ITS COMPETENCE.

6. DISCUSSION. THE CENTER IS A FLEDGLING INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION SET UP BY AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNESCO AND FRANCE. THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTES 60 PERCENT OF THE CENTER'S BUDGET WHILE UNESCO PROVIDES 5 PERCENT FROM ITS OWN REGULAR BUDGET. THE BALANCE IS MADE UP THROUGH ASSESSMENTS ON MEMBERS AND SALES OF SERVICES. EE MEMBERS, THREE OF WHICH ARE ON THE PROVISIONAL 10-MEMBER GOVERNING BOARD, DO NOT WISH TO PAY ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CENTER. THEY ARGUE THAT THEIR REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNESCO, WHICH IN TURN SUPPORTS THE CENTER, SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT AND THAT, IF THE CENTER'S MANAGEMENT AND FISCAL POLICIES WERE IMPROVED, AN ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY. THE U.S. AND OTHER WESTERN MEMBERS RECOGNIZE THAT THE CENTER DOES HAVE MANAGEMENT/FISCAL PROBLEMS WHICH SHOULD BE REMEDIED. THEY DO NOT ACCEPT THE EE VIEW THAT THEIR RESOLUTION WILL OBVIATE THE NEED FOR ASSESSMENTS ON MEMBERS. COOPER

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